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1. ALTHOUGH A PETROLEUM EXPORTING NATION, OMAN'S MODEST INCOME (BY GULF STANDARDS) PLACES COUNTRY CONSIDERABLY BELOW RANKS OF "UL-RICH" PROSPECTIVE DONORS. TO DATE, OMAN IS NOT RECIPIENT OF AID.

2. KWITHIN LAST MONTH, OMAN GOVT HAS DECREED THAT FIRST EVER CENSUS SHOULD BE HELD. ESTIMATES OF POPULATION VARY WILDLY (500,000 TO 1,500,000) BUT OMANI CONSENSUS IS THAT COUNTRY IS UNDERPOPULATED. THERE IS LITTLE, IF ANY, INTEREST IN POPULATION PROBLEMS.

3. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE APPROACH TO OMAN GOVT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME.

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